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THE DEPLOYMENT OF ARAB TROOPS FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN SYRIA AND EGYPT APPEARS TO BE INCREASING. SOME

TOKEN CONTRIBUTIONS. BUT AS MANY AS 16.000 TRAGE TROOPS

COUNTRIES SUCH AS KUWAIT AND THE SUDAN HAVE ANNOUNCED

AND MORE THAN 100 TANKS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE CROSSED

INTO SYRIA ON 11 OCTOBER. THESE HUMBERS CANNOT BE CON-

FIRNED BUT IT IS APPARENT THAT BAGHDAP IS BECOMING

INCREASINGLY INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING. IRAGI ARMED

FORCES HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED ON 11 OCTOBER THAT IRAQI

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THE DEFENSE MINISTER ASSERTED THAT FEDAYEEN LEADERS

HAD SHOWN "UNDERSTANDING" TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT. AN

APPARENT ALLUSION TO THE LIMITED INVOLVEMENT IN THE

WAR OF LEBANON-BASED GUERRILLAS. SOME OF THE FEDA
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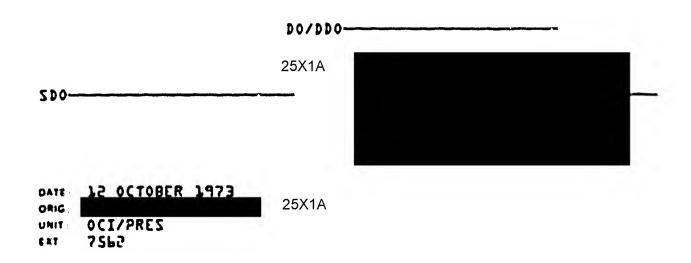
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THE YEAR FOR HIS ACTIVITIES IN EOKA-B. HE CONFESSED THAT--CH ORDERS OF THE ORDGANIZATION--HE PLANTED THE EXPLOSIVES ALONG THE ROUTE MAKARIOS WOULD TAKE TO GO TO SUNDAY MASS. HE CLAIMED THAT HE HAD "QUALMS OF CONSCIENCE" AT THE LAST MINUTE AND DELIBERATELY DETONATED THE CHARGES PREMATURELY. THE POLICE HAVE CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE TRIGGERED THE BOMBS IN AN EFFORT TO CREATE A DIVERSION WHICH WOULD ALLOW HIM TO ESCAPE FROM THE SECURITY FORCES GATHERING ALONG THE PATH OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S

// TEANUHILE. THE CYPRIOT INTERCONMUNCAL TALKS RESUMED

AFTER A ONE-MONTH INTERMISSION. BUT WITH CONTINUED GLOOM OVER

THE PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS. (SECRET) // E-M2 IMPDETA



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ITEMS MARKED & HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE.

AIRLIFT TO BRING PATHET LAO PERSONNEL FROM THE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED BACKCOUNTRY INTO PRINCIPAL LAO
GOVERNMENT CENTERS. CHINESE AIRCRAFT, ASSISTED BY
CHINESE GROUND TECHNICIANS, ARE SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK
TO TRANSPORT AN INITIAL CONTINGENT OF SOME AD-JOD
PERSONNEL TO LUANG PRABANG. SOVIET AIRCRAFT ARE TO
CARRY A SIMILAR NUMBER FROM HANOI TO VIENTIANE.

PEKING CLEARLY HOPES TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IT INTENDS TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN POSTWAR LAGS.

CHINA HAS SUPPORTED AN END TO THE FIGHTING AND A

POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN LAGS. AND MAY HAVE WORKED BEHIND THE SCENES TO HELP COMPOSE DIFFERENCES DURING
THE LAST YEAR OR SO OF HOSTILITIES. CHINESE DIPLOMATS ALSO HAVE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS FROM TIME

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TO TIME TO CONSIDER ASSISTANCE FOR PEACE-KEEPING EFFORTS. PEKING AGREED TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS WITH SOUVANNA PHOUMA'S GOVERNMENT MORE THAN A YEAR AGO. IN EXPECTATION OF A SETTLEMENT.

PEKING IS OBVIOUSLY COMPETING WITH THE SOVIETS FOR INFLUENCE AMONG LAO COMMUNISTS AND NEUTRALISTS.

THE SOVICTS PROVIDED AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR LAO COMMUNIST OFFICIALS ENGAGED IN POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS

IN VIENTIANE PRIOR TO THE CEASE-FIRE. (SECRET)

HIGH-POWERED GROUP OF JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN HAS BROUGHT
TO THE SURFACE INDONESIA'S GROWING RESENTMENT OF JAPANESE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

THE BUSINESS DELEGATION--SGRE 70 COMPANY PRESIDENTS OF THE MITSUI GROUP--TOUCHED A RAW NERVE WITH
PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT MITSUI WAS CONSIDERING INVESTING \$\frac{1}{2}\$ BILLION IN WIDE-RANGING ECONOMIC VENTURES IN
INDONESIA.//THE US EMBASSY REPORTS THAT IN UNUSUALLY

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BLUNT PUBLIC STATEMENTS. THREE INDONESIAN CABINET

MINISTERS CAUTIONED THE JAPANESE TO END UNFAIR BUSINESS

PRACTICES AND ASSUME A MORE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE IN

THEIR DEALINGS WITH INDONESIA.//

INDONESIAN OFFICIALS ARE INCREASINGLY UNHAPPY WITH WHAT THEY REGARD AS RAPACIOUS JAPANESE BUSINESS PRACTICES, INCLUDING THE JAPANESE PREFERENCE FOR INDONESIAN "FRONT MEN" RATHER THAN "PARTNERS" IN JOINT VENTURE SCHEMES, AND THE JAPANESE UNWILLINGNESS TO DEVELOP INDONESIAN LABOR AND MANAGERIAL TALENT. RESENTMENT AGAINST JAPANESE ECONOMIC INROADS HAS ALSO BECOME MANIFEST AMONG THE INDONESIAN PUBLIC, WHERE THE EPITHET "THE ECONOMIC ANIMALS FROM THE NORTH" HAS COME INTO USE TO DESCRIBE THE JAPANESE.

GROWING ANTI-JAPANESE SENTIMENT HAS STRENGTHENED
THE HAND OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO ARGUE THAT
JAKARTA MUST BE MORE FORCEFUL IN ITS BUSINESS DEALINGS
WITH JAPAN. IN THE PAST, CRITICISM OF THE JAPANESE

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THAT ONE OF PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S CONFIDANTS HAS BEEN
FRONTING FOR JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN FOR SOME TIME. THE
RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS, HOWEVER, SUGGEST THAT THE
CRITICS FEEL THEIR ARGUMENT IS GAINING THE PRESIDENT'S

3. CAMBODIA/UN: THE SIHANOUK CHALLENGE TO KHMER
REPRESENTATION IN THE UN MAY TAKE AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD
ON 12 OCTOBER. A CHINESE RESOLUTION FAVORING THE SIHANOUK
DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO COME BEFORE THE GENERAL COMMITTEE
THAT DETERMINES WHETHER TO FORMALLY INSCRIBE IT ON THE AGENDA
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. INSCRIPTION MEANS ONLY THAT THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL VOTE ON THE SIHAYOUK CHALLENGE. BUT IT
WILL BE INTERPRETED AS AN IMPORTANT PSYCHOLOGICAL VICTORY FOR
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THE TWENTY-FIVE MEMBER GENERAL COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, ARE HELD BY EAST EUROPEAN STATES. ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET UNION HAS DECLINED TO SPONSOR THE CHALLENGE THEY MAY WELL SUPPORT IT. MAKING IN"CRIPTION LIKELY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE HERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT THAN ING IN THE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD SINAHOUK. AFTER GIVING THE PRINCE A POLITICAL COLD SHOW, DER FOR OVER THREE YEARS, MOSCOW BTHIS WEEK REPORTEDLY INFORMED SINAHOUK THAT IT REGARDS HIS GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE AS THE "REAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOBFLE." IT EVIDENTLY HAS INSTRUCTED ITS DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO BACK THE EFFORT TO GIVE PHNOM PENH'S SEAT TO SINAHOUK'S "GGVERNMENT."

THE SOVICTS APPARENTLY MADE NO PROMISES TO SIHANOUK ABOUT CLOSING THEIR EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH. HOVEVER. AND SIHANOUK HAS INDICATED HE COULD LIVE WITH THIS. THE SOVIET MOVE INDICATES THAT MOSCOW MOW BELIEVES THAT SIHANOUK WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN A FUTURE SETTLEMENT IN CAMBODIA. AND ITS TIMING PROBABLY WAS INFLUENCED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER'S IMPENDING VISIT TO PEKING.

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5. CAMBODIA: RICE STOCKS ARE DANGEROUSLY LOW IN PHNOR PENH. THE AIRLIFT FROM BATTARBANG TO PHNOR PENH IS BRINGING IS ONLY 20 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S DAILY REBULIREMENTS. ANOTHER AIRLIFT WILL BEGIN ON 12 CITOBER TO TRANSPORT SMALL BUANTITIES OF RICE FROM KOMPONG CHHNANG PROVINCE AND FROM CAMBODIAN STOCKS IN SALGON. THE NEXT SHIPMENT OF THAI RICE IS SCHEDULED TO ABRRIVE INDBB PHNOR PENH ON 22 OCTOBER VIA SPECIAL MEKONG CONVOY. AT THAT TIME, GOVERNMENT RICE STOCKS WILL HAVE DWINDLED TO LESS THAN A WEEK'S SUPPLY.

THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO LIMIT DISTRIBUTION OF RICE IN
THE CAPITAL. AND MUCH OF WHAT IS GOING TO THE PUBLIC IS DEBSCRIBED

//BY THE US EMBASSY//AS WAREHOUSE SWEEPINGS. THERE IS SOME

APPREHENSTON THAT THE CAPITAL MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF THE KING

OF FOOD RIOTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN SEPTEMBER 1973. THE US EMBASSY

HAS INDICATED THAT IN ORDER TO PRESERVE ORDER IN THE CITYB. IT

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PERON'S DILEMMA IS POINTED UP BY THE HASSIVE DIVISIONS WITHIN HIS OWN MOVEMENT. LEFT AND RIGHT WING FACT, SHS OF THE PERONIST MOVEMENT ARE ON THE VERGE OF OPEN WARFARE. IF THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE INTENSIFIES, STRIKES MAY SPREAD. THESE CONFLICTS AND THE ESCALATION OF EXTREME LEFTIST TERRORISM WILL ABSORB PERON'S IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. AND HE PROBABLY WILL DEFER A MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE SHAKEUP UNTIL HE HAS HAD TIME TO ASSESS THE PERFORMANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT ... TEAM. IN A GESTURE TO PROJECT AN IMAGE OF NATIONAL UNITY, PERON REPORTEDLY HAS OFFERED SEVERAL CABINET POSITIONS TO THE MAJOR

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THE BUSINESSMEN ARE BECOMING MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT THEIR REASONS
FOR CALLING THE SHUTDOWN. THEIR MAIN COMPLAINT IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ADOPTING LAWS WITHOUT CONSULTING THEM. THE STRONGEST
CRITICISM HAS BEEN DIPECTED AT THE HOUSING LAW JUST ANNOUNCED BY
GENERAL TORRIJOS THAT RETROACTIVELY FREEZES RENTS AT THE 31 DECEMBER
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THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT PLEASED ABOUT THE IDEA OF A SHUTDOWN. BUT ITS REACTION THUS FAR HAS BEEN FAIRLY RESTRAINED. PRESIDENT LAKAS HAS TRIED TO HEAD OFF THE STRIKE, AND THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PRESS HAVE CRITICIZED THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY'S ACTION. IN A SPEECH YESTERDAY, TORRIJOS CHARGED THAT THE GROUP BEHIND THE STRIKE WAS A "PRIVILEGED SET" SO MINISCULE THAT "IT CAN BE LOADED IN A SINGLE AIR FORCE PLANE AND TAKEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY TO A TOWN SOMEWHERE ON THE FLORIDA PENINSULA WHICH CONSTITUTES THE VALLEY OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN REACTIONARIES." HE HAS INSTRUCTED THE NATIONAL GUARD NOT TO PERMIT CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE COUNCIL OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE TO LEAVE PANAMA BECAUSE OF THEIR ROLE IN CALLING FOR THE BUSINESS SHUTDOWN. TORRIJOS THUS MAY BE READY TO TAKE SEVERE MEASURES IF HE JUDGES THAT THE RE-SCHEDULED STRIKE COULD CAUSE MAJOR DISLOCATIONS TO THE ECONOMY. (SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEM)//

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND THE ELECTRIC POWER INSTITUTE. THE MAIN
OBSTACLE TO SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN THE INSTITUTE'S REFUSAL TO REHIRE
EIGHT UNION ACTIVISTS. THE TENTATIVE SOLUTION IS THAT THE EIGHT
WILL BE PLACED IN OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES UNTIL AFTER ODUBER TAKES
OFFICE AND THEN TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE INSTITUTE. THIS AGREEMENT,
OF COURSE, PRESUPPOSES THAT ODUBER--RUNNING ON THE GOVERNING PARTY
TICKET--WILL WIN THE PRESIDENCY.

ODUBER, WHO IS WALKING A TIGHT-ROPE BETWEEN NEEDING PRESIDENT FIGUERES' SUPPORT IN THE FEBRUARY ELECTION AND WANTING TO DISSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM SOME ASPECTS OF THE FIGUERES ADMINISTRATION, IS CONCERNED THAT CONTINUED LABOR UNREST WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT HIS PARTY'S CHANCES. HE IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO HEAD OFF A POSSIBLE LOSS OF LABOR SUPPORT RESULTING FROM FIGUERES' RECENT HARSH BLAST AT THE ELECTRICAL UNION'S LEADERSHIP. FIGUERES, WHO HAS BEEN TRYING TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE, WAS ANGERED BY UNION IRRESPONSIBILITY

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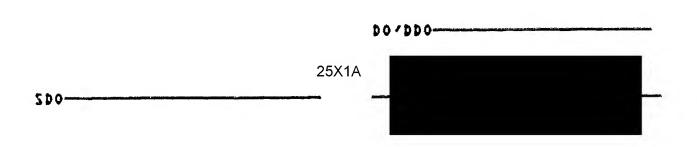
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UNDER THE TERMS OF A PLAN EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED BY THE CAUINLT BEFORE FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL'S VISIT TO WARSAW 16-20 OCTOBER. WEST GERMANY WILL OFFER POLAND AN UNTIED CREDIT OF MORE THAN \$400 MILLION. THE EXACT AMOUNT WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE POLES. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THE CREDIT WILL NOT BE LINKED TO ANY SPECIFIC PROJECT. THE FUNDS WILL BE MAISED ON THE CAPITAL MARKET AND PAID OUT IN SEVERAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS. WITH THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT PROVIDING A SUBSIDY TO BRING THE INTEREST RATE DOWN TO ABOUT SIX PERSENT. BONN HAS INDICATED. HOWEVER. THAT IT DOES NOT CONSIDER THE CREDIT TO POLAND A MODEL FOR OTHER COUNTRIES IN EASTERN EUROPE.

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ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES BETWEEN BONN AND WARSAW. ALTHOUGH THE POLES HAVE NEVER SAID EXPLICITLY THAT PROGRESS ON REPATRIATION IS LINKED TO WEST GERMAN ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS, BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS A DIRECT CONNECTION.

LOOKING EVEN LARGER ON THE HORIZON, HOUEVER, IS THE STILL UNRESOLVED QUESTION OF CREDITS FOR THE SOVIET UNION—A SUBJECT CERTAIN TO OCCUPY A PROMINENT PLACE ON THE AGENDA FOR SCHEEL'S TALKS IN MOSCOW IN EARLY NOVEMBER. SOVIET LEADERS HAVE LONG EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WEST GERMAN CREDITS AND IN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. BUT UNTIL REMITTLY BONN HAS MAINTAINED THAT THE MAMMOTH PROJECTS PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS WOULD STRAIN WEST GERMANY'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES. BONN IS NOW CONTEMPLATING CREDITS TO THE SOVIET UNION LINKED TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS. ALTHOUGH THE WEST GERMAN OFFER PRESUMABLY WILL FALL SHORT OF SOVIET DESIRES, BONN OFFICIALS UNDOUBTEDLY HOPE THAT THEIR COOPERATION ON THIS QUESTION WILL RESULT IN SOVIET RESPONSIVENCES ON OUT-

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STANDING POLITICAL QUESTIONS. PARTICULARLY ON BERLIN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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A SAUDI BRIGADE WAS REPORTE D MOVING INTO JORDAN LAST HIGHT. IT WILL AUGMENT THE SAUDI BRIGADE ALREADY STATIONED IN SOUTHERN JORDAN. KING HASSAN HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A CONTINGENT OF MOROCCAN TROOPS IS EN ROUTE TO EGYPT. MOROCCO ALREADY HAD 2.000 TROOPS IN SYRIA BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. ACCORDING TO A MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN. (HIS CONTINGENT HAS TAKEN HEAVY CASUALTIES ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. THE WILLINGNESS OF OTHER ARAB STATES TO MAKE THESE SACRIFICES WILL PLACE INCREASED PRESSURE ON JORDAN'S KING HUSAYN TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE HOSTILITIES.

'EBANON, HOWEVER, CONTINUES TO SHOW NO INTEREST IN GETTING INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING. IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON 12 OCTOBER,
THE DEFENSE MINISTER STRESSED LEBANON'S DEFENSIVE POSTURE. HE
AVOIDED ANY SUGGE: TION THAT THE LEBANESE MIGHT INITIATE A DIVERSIONARY ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THE ARMY IS READY
TO "FRUSTRATE ANY AGGRESSION." WITH REGARD TO LEBANON'S REMBLATIONS
WITH THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS, THE DEFENSE MINISTER ASSERTED THAT
FEDAYEEN LEADERS HAD SHOWN "UNDERSTANDING" TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT, AN

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APPARENT ALLUSION TO THE LIMITED INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR OF LEBANON-BASED GUERRILLAS. SOME OF THE FEDAYEEN HAVE ENGAGED IN MINOR CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS INTO ISRAEL. (SECRET)

4. EAST GERMANY: PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON 9 OCTOBER. ON A GOOD-WILL VISIT TO MONGOLIA. ERICH NUMBHONECKER TOOK TIME OUT TO DRUM UP A LITTLE BAD WILL AGAINST PEKING. IN A WIDELY DISTRIBUTED PRESS ARTICLE. THE EAST GERMAN PARTY CHIEF LEVELED HARSH CHARGES AGAINST THE CHIHESE: THAT THEY HAD BETRAYED MARXISM-LENINISM. MADE LEAGUE WITH THE WESTERN IMPERIALISTS. AND DISRUPTED EAST-HEST DETENTE. WHILE THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN HIS REMAKRS. HONECKER'S TONE WAS NOTABLY SHARPER THAN USUAL. VERY LIKELY HE AND OTHER TOP REGIME OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN PROVOKED BY PEKING'S OPEN WOOING OF BONN AND CHOU'S REPORTBED REMARKS IN FAVOR OF EVENTUAL GERMAN REUNIFICATION.

THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE PROSPECT OF ANY OPEN BREAK BETWEEN EAST BERLIN AND PEKING. ON THE L OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THE EAST GERNANS SENT FORMAL CONGRATULATIONS AND DELEGATED A DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TO ATTEND THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION. YET, THE WAR OF NERVES GOES ON. A

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